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SUBJECT: SPECIALTY STEEL NEGOTIATIONS

1. JAPANESE DELEGATION, SAITO, KINASHITA, AND SHIMADA, PLUS YOKOYAMA FROM WASHINGTON EMBASSY SPENT TWO DAYS (MAY 18-19) IN MEETINGS WITH U.S. SPECIALTY STEEL NEGOTIATING TEAM. CHANGES DESIRED BY JAPANESE IN DRAFT AGREEMENT DEVELOPED IN TOKYO WERE MINIMAL AND WERE RESOLVED AS WERE SEVERAL MINOR CHANGES DESIRED BY U.S. SIDE. NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES MADE.

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2. FOR DOMESTIC REASONS JAPANESE SIDE WISHED TO CHARAC-

TERIZE TALKS AS EXTENDING THROUGH MAY 21 AND WE HAVE AGREED ALTHOUGH NO MEETINGS, OTHER THAN TO INITIAL CLEAN VERSION ON MORNING OF MAY 21, ARE PLANNED. SINCE DIET REMAINS IN SESSION, JAPANESE SIDE ALSO REQUESTED THAT NO FORMAL INITIALING OF DRAFT TAKE PLACE AT THIS TIME AND MEMORANDUM COVERING NEW DRAFT MEETS THAT REQUIREMENT. DRAFT AGREEMENT REMAINS SUBJECT TO FORMAL APPROVAL BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS, I.E., CABINET APPROVAL FOR JAPAN, PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL FOR U.S.

3. IT HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY AGREED TO EXCHANGE NOTES

IN WASHINGTON JUNE 11 WASHINGTON TIME. THIS WILL ALLOW MATTER TO BE PRESENTED TO CABINET ON JUNE 11 TOKYO TIME PRIOR TO SIGNING. AMBASSADOR TOGO WILL SIGN FOR JAPAN AND AMBASSADOR DENT FOR U.S. IF SCHEDULE IN JAPAN SHOULD PREVENT AMBASSADOR DENT'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES, AMBASSADOR YEUTTER WILL REPRESENT THE U.S.

4. JAPANESE STILL WISH SEE SHAPE OF FINAL PACKAGE BEFORE GOING TO CABINET, BUT ON BASIS OF CONVERSATIONS THIS WEEK WE ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTIES IN THIS RESPECT. ROBINSON

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